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SUPERVISORS MICHAEL MAYO, SR. AND KHALIF RAINEY DECRY VIOLENT INCIDENT IN CITY OF MILWAUKEE

Double Shooting Shows "We Cannot Take the Law Into Our Own Hands"

Milwaukee County Supervisors Michael Mayo, Sr., and Khalif Rainey said today that a fatal double shooting that followed a car accident that killed a two-year old was evidence people are taking the law into their own hands.

"I can't think of a more tragic incident," Mayo said. "A man accidentally ran over a two-year-old who darted into the road, and he rightly stayed at the scene trying to help. For that he was shot dead along with a young man who happened to be the child's brother. We cannot take the law into our own hands.

"What is happening in this county? A man who tried to do the right thing is dead, and so is an innocent person. This sort of gun violence is a horrible act that reflects an increasingly violent culture. It is an absolute tragedy that the little child was killed, but it was an accident. So someone took the law into their own hands, and the result is three deaths. This death means three generations we will not have now.

"We need to stop this violence in our community. If we don't take care of our community no one else will."

Mayo said he understood the sorrow of the child's relatives and his friends, "but that was no reason to shoot two innocent people to death.

"Someone got angry, and now three innocent people are dead. This unconscionable act is a result of a gun culture that has gone completely out of control in this county."

Rainey expressed his sorrow and offered his condolences to the families of all involved.

"There are too many of these types of senseless acts in our inner city," Rainey said. "Gun violence is an epidemic in this county. It is out of control, and now three innocent people are dead. When is this going to stop?

"I urge calm this summer. I urge everyone to take a step back before they lose control and create violence. We haven't even entered the summer months when more violent incidents take place. We need to stay calm and prevent more acts of senseless gun violence in the county. This incident is a case of vigilantism, and we cannot allow this sort of street justice to rule our county."